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have given the rest of the state employees. I think that we have to do it. I know that it is unpopular with some of you, but I think that it is very important that we retain and keep the judges that we have and I think that they are entitled to a pay raise. I knew that at this hour it would not be that popular, but those that know me know that I have done a few things that have not been over whelmingly popular in this body before. Almost as many as Senator Kelly has done, but, with a little more success. So, I would now ask Senator Luedtke if he would to take the bill and explain it.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, do I understand that this amendment has the committee amendment incorporated in the amendment? Senator Dworak...I understood that Senator Dworak...

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: (no response).

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Senator Dworak has an amendment to the amendment. I think that I would yield to Senator Dworak to explain his amendment first because there is an amendment to an amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is this an amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR DWORAK: No, it is all incorporated. We don't have any committee amendments before us do we?

CLERK: No.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well....I'm addressing the bill. As Senator Lewis pointed out it is in compliance with the pay raises that we gave the other state employees which amounts to 6% a year and we are talking about the top judiciary in the State of Nebraska. We are talking about the Supreme Court Judges, we are talking about the District Judges, we are talking about the Workmens Compensation Judges and the Municipal Judges under this bill. The salary increase where they haven't had an increase for two years and I think that we all know what inflation has done to us and I think that these amounts are very reasonable and I think that we should adopt this. I think that we are to the point where we could be threatened with the loss of some of our most capable judiciary people.

SENATOR SIMPSON PRESIDING

SENATOR SIMPSON: Now back to Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, as I understand the bill as it is before us and I don't know if I have the right copy. It starts out amendment to LB76, strike original sections one and two, and then reinsert, and the thing that is confusing to me Senator Dworak, I wish that you would listen to this. The amendment that I have before me talks about striking 35 and inserting 40 which would